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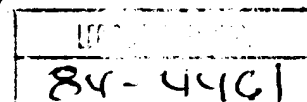
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JOHN H. GIBBONS
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November 20, 1984

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Office of Legislative Liaison
Room 7B02
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear [redacted]

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As you may recall from my letter of August 10, 1984, we at OTA are conducting a study of ballistic missile defense for the House Armed Services Committee and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Our visit to the CIA following that letter was extremely helpful, and we would like to make at least one more visit to read certain documents and to confer further with appropriate CIA personnel. I understand that Dr. Robert Rochlin telephoned you yesterday about our request.

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We would like to meet informally with [redacted] and any other people you may suggest, to discuss Soviet policies and attitudes regarding ballistic missile defense, the ABM Treaty, and strategic arms control in general. There would be no need for formal briefings. We would be glad to meet with these people either separately or together, to suit their convenience. [redacted] invited us to visit him, and [redacted] have also indicated willingness to meet with us, but no dates have been fixed as yet.)

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Before holding these discussions, we would like an opportunity to read appropriate documents, including the six listed below and any other available CIA reports which cover Soviet ballistic missile defense activities and policies. If possible, we would like to arrange to read the documents in the morning and then meet with CIA experts that afternoon.

"Possible Soviet Responses to the US Strategic Defense Initiative (U)"

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[redacted]
SECRET/NOFORN, 12 September 1983.
(12 pp.)

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"Soviet Directed-Energy Weapons: An Overview (U)"

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SECRET/NOFORN, January 1984.
(17 pp.)

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SECRET, January 1984.

NIE 11-13-82

NIE 11-3/8-83

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Typescript memo on Soviet directed energy responses to the U.S.
Strategic Defense Initiative (Fall 1984).

The five OTA staff members who would like to make this visit
are as follows:

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Gerald L. Epstein

Thomas H. Karas

Robert S. Rochlin

Peter J. Sharfman

Alan H. Shaw

I believe SI/TK clearances for all of them are on file at CIA.

Our preferred dates for this visit are December 3, 6, or 10.
Please phone Dr. Rochlin (226-2021) or me (226-2014) to let us
know whether one of these dates would be satisfactory.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Tom Karas

Thomas H. Karas
Project Director